



# WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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**Ronald Yee**  
*President*

August 8, 2023

**Douglas Wadlin**  
*Vice-President*

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Richard Noelke**  
*Secretary Treasurer*

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Yee and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mary Etta Kreklau**  
*Recording Secretary*

**PRESENT:** Bauman, Cairgle, Hyde-Shelton, Kreklau, McCall, Noelke, Pendracki, Smith, Sockolosky, Wadlin and Yee

**Faith Cairgle**  
*Sergeant-At-Arms*

**EXCUSED:** None

**John McCall**  
**James Sockolosky**  
**Julie Bauman**  
*Executive Board*

**ABSENT:** None

**GUEST:** None

**Pamela Hyde-Shelton**  
**Paul Pendracki**  
**Jerry Smith**  
*Trustees*

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Brother Pendracki made the motion, properly supported by Brother Wadlin to accept the roll call of officers. The motion carried.

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### CORRESPONDENCE:

**MiARA – July 2023 –** Announcing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Membership meeting on August 9, 2023. UAW Local 659 Union Hall, 4549 Van Slyke, Rd., Flint at 10 am.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to receive and file the correspondence. The motion carried.

### READING OF MINUTES:

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of July 11, 2023, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Membership meeting of July 11, 2023, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried

### REPORT OF OFFICERS:

#### PRESIDENT:

P.O. Box 668, Wayne, Michigan 48184  
Membership Meeting – August 2023 Email: [Subchapter38@gmail.com](mailto:Subchapter38@gmail.com)

Just a reminder that Empower and Titan Wealth Advisors will be making a presentation at our September 12, 2023, meeting. Empower and Titan administer our Defined Contribution plans and our Deferred Compensation Plan. They will make a short presentation and then be available to answer any questions and allow you to check on or update your beneficiary. Titan Wealth Advisors was also recently hired to oversee our Defined Benefit Plan effective August 1, 2023. They will also be providing our lunch from Thomas' Restaurant at the meeting.

The Labor Coalition had a Zoom meeting with the County regarding making the BCBSM Medicare Advantage Plan available as an option for mirrored Retirees age 65 and older. A representative from the Coalition spoke as well as Mark Mueller and me. The County said they need Corporation Counsel, Labor Relations, and their benefit consultant, legal consultants, to review the proposal before they can approve this change. We emphasized that it would need to be approved by September 1, 2023, to be implemented effective January 1, 2024. Based on their response, I am not encouraged that this will be accomplished.

The Retirement Office sent out 4,543 signature verification forms on May 1, 2023. They have received 3,690 completed forms which means 853 retirees have not responded. They recently sent out a reminder notice to those 853 retirees. After 60 days if the retiree has not returned a completed form, their monthly benefit will be suspended until such time as a completed form is returned. If you have not sent in the form, you should receive a notice in the mail. I have copies of the form if you need one.

The Chapter 255 convention is scheduled for October 13 & 14 and they are requesting our recommendations for the following committees: Constitution Committee; Elections Committee; Resolutions Committee; Rules Committee; and Sgt-at-Arms. Brother Yee will be asking for approval to purchase registration for the Executive Board and up to 20 Sub-Chapter members who wish to attend.

The Wayne County Treasurer has notified the Retirement office that they are looking at no longer issuing paper checks to both active employees and retirees, instead moving to "Pay cards" which will act like a gift card. The Retirement office has opposed this move and if the Treasurer moves in that direction, will implement its own check processing system and print checks through the Retirement office.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to accept the President's report as given. The motion carried.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**

The July meeting was just another meeting filled with complaints with no recommendations or plans to change anything.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the Vice-President's statement as presented. The motion carried

## **SECRETARY-TREASURER:**

### **Financial Report:**

The financial report was presented by Brother Noelke, Treasurer. The Sub-Chapter has \$237,468.60 in cash and investments as of July 31, 2023. There are 1,203 current members with 177 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (51) members lost this year with 41 of those as a result of death.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Brother Macdonald's Report:** (Read by President Yee in Brother Macdonald's absence).

### **Medical Insurance for Disability Retirees**

As reported many times, the arbitration case contesting the Wayne County discontinuance of health care insurance coverage for disability with an award stating that **"The County violated the collective bargaining agreement when it made changes to healthcare benefits for newly approved duty and nonduty disability retirees. The County must rescind administrative Personnel Order 1-2010 and make whole the duty or nonduty disability retiree who was improperly denied healthcare benefits after 2010 by virtue of the fact that they did not meet the age and service requirements for "normal" retirement."** The award only applies to AFSCME disability retirees who retired after the personnel order was issued.

There has been no progress in discussions to implement the arbitration decision since the May 2023 report. Wayne County continues to argue about the retirees included in the decision.

### **Health Care Insurance Settlement (Stipends)**

The payments by Wayne County of non-Medicare eligible stipends are consistent with the settlement agreement through the payment due August 1, 2023. Wayne County is providing monthly reports of stipend amounts transferred to MERS/Alerus. We are currently not aware of any stipend payment issues.

Motion by Brother Wadlin, properly supported by Sister O'Leary-MacGillis, to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

## **CHAPTER 255:**

Reports presented by Brother McCall and Sister Bauman. Brother McCall reported on the July Executive Board meeting held in East Lansing. The Mayor of East Lansing was the only speaker who made it to the meeting. The previous meeting minutes were approved.

Sister Bauman reported on the October Chapter 255 convention which will be held at our current location. Friday, October 13, 2023 afternoon will have workshops from 2-3 Legislative Update, 3-4 and at 4 pm. Dr. Abdul El-Sayed will be speaking on Medicare for All.

From 6 -9 pm there will be a Reception with hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, music, and dancing. A number of elected officials have been invited so it will be your opportunity to mix and talk to a number of them. On Saturday, Representative Elissa Slotkin has been invited to be our key-note speaker. The convention on Saturday will start at noon.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin to accept the Chapter 255 report. The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Brother Yee asked that the Membership ratify the Executive Board action this date, to purchase a full-page ad for the Chapter 255 Convention program and to purchase at \$20 each, registration tickets for the Executive Board of Sub-Chapters, the members who have been appointed to the Convention Committees and are not Executive Board members; and an additional twenty (20) tickets for Sub-chapter 38 members to attend the Convention.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin to purchase the tickets as approved by the Executive Board for the October 13-14, 2023, Chapter 255 Convention. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to purchase a full-page ad in the Chapter 255 Convention Program as approved by the Executive Board. The motion carried.

President Yee announced that the following members had volunteered for Committees:  
Nicole Barone – Elections; Hugh Macdonald, Constitution; Kim Curry-Smith Resolutions; Pam Hyde-Shelton, Resolutions; Betty Bishop, Rules; Faith Cairgle, Sergeant at Arms.

There are twelve (12) delegates needed.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

Kim Curry-Smith thanked everyone who had prayed for her following her recent injury. There was a Moment of Silence for members who have passed. There were 41 attendees signed in.

**Regular Attendance Drawing:**

\$20 – #28 – Judy Koths

\$10 – #19 – Mike Hildebrand

\$10- #23 – Janet Wiktor

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Brother Pendracki, to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 pm. The motion carried.